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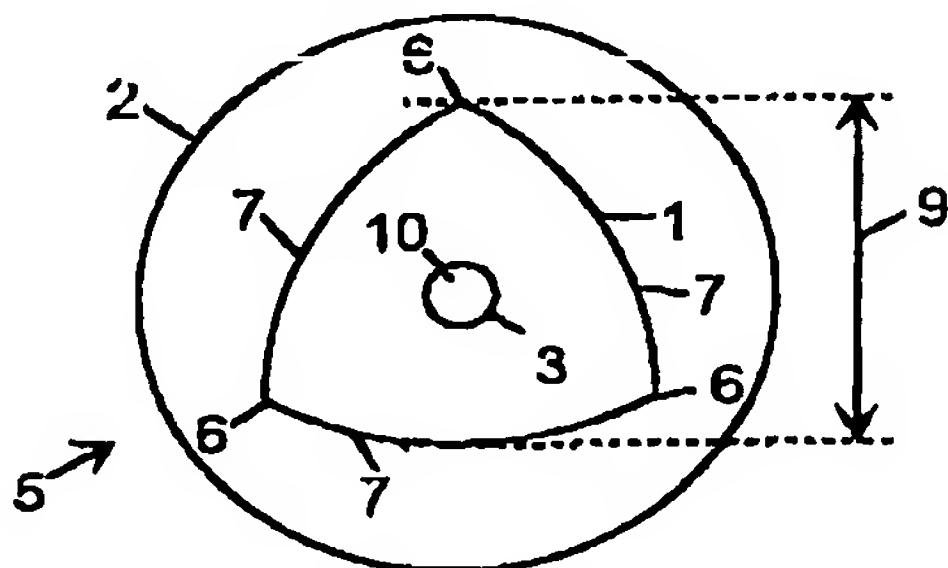
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ratus comprising, an optical fibre (5) having a core (3), a first cladding (1)  
and a second cladding (2), in which the first cladding (1) has a substan-  
tially constant diameter (9) in its cross-section. The first cladding (1) can  
be non-circular. Advantages include more reliable cleaving, joining and  
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